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Discussion with CARTEL 2 on 5 December 1950

Present:

1. The problem of CARTEL 2's leaving his present job was discussed. Fear was expressed that if he did not stop trying to work nights in a factory and days trying to cooperate with us as well as carry out his duties as foreign representative, he would soon become ill, and in that event both we and ZPUHVR would be deprived of his services. Since it has already become necessary to commence the preliminary planning for the creation of an Information Service of ZPUHVR, of which CARTEL 2 will be the chief, it was decided to begin to pay him as of now, thus enabling him to leave his job.

2. Regarding the actual organization of the Information Service, it was agreed that:

a. The primary responsibility of the Information Service of the ZPUHVR will be to keep the American public informed of the activities of the Ukrainian resistance movement in the Ukrainian SSR. It will not concentrate its fire on other elements within the emigration in an attempt to discredit them. The mission of serving as a unifying factor in the Ukrainian emigration, a mission given to them by the UHVR, will be adhered to by the Information Service in the U. S., but the bulk of that work will be accomplished by the Ukrainian language newspaper being published in Germany by ZPUHVR.

b. The official application to the Department of Justice for permission to create such an Information Service and publish an informational periodical will first be sent to us for our approval. It is planned that OPC legal experts, already experienced in this work, will review the application. The application will be submitted after the project is approved.

c. The staff of the Information Service will have two primary duties:

(1) Publication on a bi-weekly or monthly basis/an English language Information Service bulletin which will be factual in nature and will cover the activities of the underground and of ZPUHVR and its allied mission from UPA.

(2) Preparation of theoretical-political articles on problems relating to Ukrainian independence, emigration, etc., short stories or vignettes of underground life, etc., in both English and Ukrainian for either free distribution or sale to American publications, including Ukrainian language newspapers, magazines, etc.

d. The funds supplied by us to the Information Service will be paid through a Ukrainian-American who will (ostensibly) contribute out of his own pocket and solicit funds from others. A monthly accounting of the use of the funds will be supplied by the Information Service to this Ukrainian-American in order that he can justify to his friends and associates their contributions.

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3. The requested references on Mr. Antonovich were given to us by CARTEL 2. A meeting between Antonovich and [ ] can be arranged by CARTEL 2 whenever we so desire. We briefly reviewed Mr. Antonovich's future duties:

a. Act as companion and sort of domestic "field assistant" for CARTEL 10 or any other couriers or underground officials we may bring to the U. S.

b. Act as an operational translator in work involving CARTEL 10 or similar cases.

c. Act as cut out and courier between Washington, New York and other places as required in order to cut down the trips CARTEL 2 is required to make.

d. In general, be authorized by CARTEL 2 to act as CARTEL 2's assistant in working with Americans in matters of operational liaison with us.

4. CARTEL 2 reiterated his stand that the two persons he considered best for the VOA Ukrainian section head position were (1) Debriansky, and (2) Dushnyck. He presented a compendium of articles from the Ukrainian emigre press on the VOA translated by Dushnyck into English together with a comment or critique of the VOA based on these articles. This critique was notable for its restraint. Additional information on personnel for subordinate positions on the VOA was also presented. As an added reminder that something must be done, and quickly, concerning the VOA, CARTEL 2 stated that on 27 or 28 November, the VOA reported on its Ukrainian language program that a memorial service was held for General Taras Chuprinka & Roman Shukhevich, Commander of the UPA. This broadcast stated, however, that Chuprinka was the leader of a Ukrainian resistance movement which was located "in a very small area of the Western Ukraine only." CARTEL 2 said that this sort of thing would do much to harm American prestige in the Ukraine today.

5. Regarding CARTEL 10's desire to contact and to learn more about the Ukrainian emigration, CARTEL 2 stated that:

a. All couriers come under the control of the ZPUHVR when they are in the West, and that it was the desire of the ZPUHVR to isolate all couriers from indiscriminate contact with the emigration as long as there was any possibility that the couriers might return to the Ukraine.

b. However, through Antonovich or a field assistant, if in Germany, it should be the duty of ZPUHVR to provide the couriers with copies of the Ukrainian emigre press, and also, from time to time, permit the couriers to travel about a bit, under escort, in order to form some impressions of the West to take back with them.

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c. CARTEL 2 requested that in the future all decisions concerning the welfare or activity of the couriers be discussed with him first in order to reach a solution mutually acceptable to the Americans and ZPUHVR. Then CARTEL 2 will inform the courier of the decision. This must be done in order not to confuse the chain of command in the courier's mind. It was agreed that this would be done.

6. As the entire question of the Ukrainian resistance reaches consistently higher levels, we are under more pressure to provide high level planners with more details on the Ukrainian underground, its techniques, methods, plans, etc. Up until the present we have refrained from pressing such points since they have been considered by the ZPUHVR and the couriers as classified information. Now the time has come for us to get a more detailed picture. However, we will not ask for the following information unless it is connected with a specific operation:

a. True names, physical descriptions and present addresses of members of the underground.

b. Actual designations and present locations of UPA units.

We do want, however, detailed information on how the UPA operates, its connection with the legalized underground, a general estimate by oblast and raion of UPA strengths, etc.

CARTEL 2 agreed to:

a. Answer himself on the basis of material analyzed by him if we would present him with a questionnaire.

b. Permit us to interrogate couriers providing he could review the interrogation outline prior to such an interrogation.

We agreed to this procedure.

7. CARTEL 2 was told that in view of the grave crisis facing the West, it appears most urgent that attempt be made to establish W/T contact with the Ukraine this winter or as soon as is humanly possible. CARTEL 2 agreed and suggested:

a. That one or two W/T operators be sent in in order to attempt to make contact with the UPA through the legalized portion of the underground now living in villages and towns. An emergency password was decided upon by the UHVR and UPA and given to CARTEL 10 for use in just such an eventuality.

b. That we begin to train, now, a group of 20-30 UPA officers who could be dropped in as a self-contained combat W/T group prepared to fight their way to UPA forces in the event war were to break out without warning.

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Major Baida, of the UPA mission attached to the ZPUHVR, could be the leader and recruiter, while the mission itself could supply the nucleus for such a group as well as instructors to assist in training.

In connection with CARTEL 2's first suggestion, we decided to ask CARTEL 2 to discuss the matter further with CARTEL 10 and at a meeting on 6 December the details would be worked out. On the second point, CARTEL 2 was asked to provide us soonest with a list of Ukrainians who had already been drafted into the U.S. Army and who have a record of UPA experience.

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